

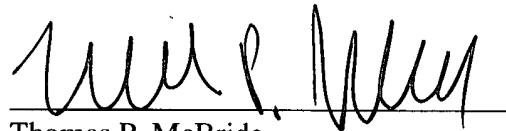
REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be entered and the application be examined on the merits. It is believed that no new matter has been added by these Amendments. With these Amendments, claims 5, 17 and 18 remain pending in the case.

Applicants have also provided a Supplemental IDS providing US 5,948,956 to the Examiner for consideration. In column 10, lines 22-26, a reference is made to pMON25496 and Figure 4 with a purported cartoon depiction thereof.

Should any questions arise, or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate in the examination of this case, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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